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SUBJECT: DROUGHT CONDITIONS ECUADOREAN SIERRA

REFERENCE: QUITO 6207, STATE AIRGRAM A-7984 (1972)

1. NOAA PREPARATION OF MONTHLY AND SEASONAL OUTLOOKS FOR CLIMATE ANOMALIES IS CONFINED TO NORTHERN HEMISPHERE. ANALYSIS OF MONTHLY TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION ANOMALY PATTERNS IS PUBLISHED FOR MOST PARTS OF GLOBE IN NOAA/USDA PUBLICATION OF WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP BULLETIN, BUT DATA OFTEN INCOMPLETE FOR SOME AREAS. LATEST COPY THAT INCLUDES GLOBAL WEATHER BEING SENT BY POUCH.

2. CURRENT POLICY REGARDING WEATHER MODIFICATION OR CLOUD SEEDING IS THAT USG WILL NOT ENCOURAGE REQUESTS BY OTHER COUNTRIES FOR ASSISTANCE INVOLVING A HIGH RISK OF DAMAGE OR WHERE EFFECTS CANNOT BE FORESEEN WITH REASONABLE ASSURANCE. ANY SUCH USG ASSISTANCE WILL ONLY BE IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES WHERE SCIENTIFIC OR POLITICAL ADVANTAGE OUTWEIGH THE RISKS INVOLVED (SEE REF. B).

3. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES GOE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN

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ENTERING INTO A COMMERCIAL CONTRACT TO DETERMINE

TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF WEATHER MODIFICATION, A LIST OF COMMERCIAL WEATHER MODIFICATION CONTRACTORS CAN BE POUCHED TO POST FOR TRANSMITTAL TO GOE. HOWEVER, LIST COULD BE OFFERED ONLY AS ITEM OF BUSINESS INFORMATION, AND IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO GOE THAT USG NEITHER RECOMMENDS NOR ENDORSES ANY OF THE INDIVIDUAL VENDORS NAMED ON THE LIST.

4. IF EMBASSY FEELS IT DESIRABLE, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE AVAILABLE USG SCIENTIST FOR CONSULTATION WITH GOE OFFICIALS ON POTENTIAL FOR CLOUD SEEDING. TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR SUCH CONSULTATION SHOULD BE BORNE BY GOE. ROBINSON

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